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Phase	What you see	Rises around	Best for
New moon	Nothing	Sunrise	Faint stars, Milky Way
Waxing crescent	Thin crescent in the west after sunset	Mid-morning	Earthshine
First quarter	Half lit (right side, N hemisphere)	Noon	Craters along the terminator
Full moon	Fully lit	Sunset	Moonlit walks; poor for faint stars
Last quarter	Half lit (left side, N hemisphere)	Midnight	Morning viewing